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To: Hqs, USAF

"FOL MSG FROM AIRA USSR C-68 QUOTED FOR UR INFO. THEODORE SHABAD, NY TIMES, PROBABLY WILL SUBMIT ARTICLES ON POWERS U-2. HIS SOURCE STATES THAT U-2 APPROACHED URALS UNDETECTED. WHEN DETECTED, MISSILES UNABLE FIRE BECAUSE OF KODOVYE FISHKI (TRANSLATION "CODE PLUG"). TWO ACFT

ATTEMPTED INTERCEPT, BUT COULD NOT REACH ALTITUDE. AS U-2 WAS LEAVING SAM AREA, ONE BATTERY CAME INTO OPERATION. GROUND UNIT SAW ONLY ONE BLIP ON SCREEN. DID NOT KNOW THEIR OWN FIGHTERS WERE IN AREA. FIRED SALVO OF THREE MISSILES. ONE MISSILE HIT AND DESTROYED SOVIET FIGHTER ATTEMPTING INTERCEPT. ANOTHER HIT U-2 IN TAIL. THIRD MISSILE MISSED. SHABAD THINKS HIS SOURCE RELIABLE, A SOVIET ELECTRONICS ENGINEER WHO GOT STORY FROM AN INDIVIDUAL ON MISSILE SITE IN URALS AREA. SHABAD CONSULTED THIS OFFICE FOR UNCLASSIFIED INFO ON MISSILES AND RADAR."

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